

Ex #344

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I hereby truthfully state the following facts of atrocities which I personally witnessed:

I am 22 years of age, a native of Hopei Province, China. When the Japanese troops came to my village in the Yoo Yang District the seventh moon of 1941, most of the residents ran from the village. They gathered together about sixty old men and women and young boys and girls and forced them into a house. They set the house afire, shooting those who attempted to escape. Corpses lying outside the house were riddled with bullet-holes.

In the fifth moon of 1942, about 100 Japanese soldiers and officers with some interpreters forced over forty Chinese women into an open square and there compelled them to undress under threats of bayonets and to walk around in full view of the residents, who were required to kneel on the ground and witness the scene. If a spectator diverted his eyes, he would be struck with a rifle butt. The Japanese soldiers laughed and clapped their hands. Some of the women tried to escape embarrassment by jumping into pools. Of eight who jumped into the pools, three were shot by Japanese soldiers.

I was never in the Chinese army. In the second moon of 1944, I was taken with four other young men, all civilians, from my village and we were placed with a large group and were required either to join the puppet forces or to go as captives with the Japanese. After four months in China we were brought to Japan and forced to labor in Japan digging ditches and cutting rocks in the mountains and other work, under Japanese guards until the end of the war. I was one of 981 in this group in Japan; 418 died. We were often beaten with clubs and by other means, and given very little food.

The above statement contains facts free from falsehood. If the enemy atrocities stated above be eventually brought to trial in a court, I am willing to appear either as an accuser or as a witness and to undergo punishment for any malicious accusation or false testimony.

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Before making the statement, the above named was told the meaning of signing an affidavit, and the punishment for malicious accusation and false testimony. After the statement was made, it was shown and read to him, and was acknowledged by him as correct.

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